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Local Boundary Commission  
550 West 7th Avenue - Suite 1770  
Anchorage, AK 99051 - 3510

Re: Opposition to the formation of a Prince of Wales Island Borough

My family and I operate Sportsman's Cove Lodge, in Saltery Cove, on the eastern shore of Prince of Wales Island. We employ a staff of 32 people in season, 8 of which are year-round. I am a 19 year resident of Alaska, 13 years here in Saltery Cove.

We are adamantly opposed to more government on our island. All of the reasons are very well documented in the letters you have received from my neighbors, in particular the Leightons and the Williams. I urge you to review their concerns carefully. Their points are well researched and are substantiated not only by existing documentation but by their own personal observations and experience. They offer a valuable perspective that you, as decision makers would do well to consider.

In short, our concerns are centered around the following issues:

- The data being used to support the need for a borough on POWI - Borough Incorporation Standards, Chapter 3 - is inaccurate and outdated;
- There is not an adequate tax base to support another local government entity on the island. Ample evidence is available to show that a borough at this time would result in negative revenues;
- The vast majority of this sparsely populated island, the third largest in the United States, lives in remote settings where any services provided by borough agencies would be not only expensive to administer, but also ineffectual;
- The shrinking population of the island is for the most part totally self-sufficient, has always been that way, and is not in need of, nor desires, any assistance from any government beyond what is already available.

In summary, a Prince of Wales Island Borough is a bad concept at the wrong time.

Sincerely,

Larry McQuarrie, CEO  
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d.b.a. Sportsman's Cove Lodge

cc: Senator Robin Taylor  
Representative Georgianna Lincoln  
Representative Albert Kookesh  
Representative Bill Williams